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CAMPAIGN '96: YES ON 209 (CCRI) GETS SOME UNWANTED HELP FROM EX-KLANSMAN DUKE.

Editor's note: The amount of publicity ex-KKK leader and now GOP U.S. Senate candidate from Louisiana David Duke is getting makes you sick --- if you're a supporter of Prop. 209, the statewide measure which would do away with many affirmative action programs in the public sector. Here's our update & analysis...

...At the Calif. Republican Party(CRP) convention last weekend (Sept. 6-8), CCRI chair and UC Regent Ward Connerly was all smiles at the Sept. 7th news conference where O.C. Co. Sup. Marian Bergeson announced her support for Prop. 209. But in the Q&A session following her announcement, Connerly was asked to respond to reports that Duke was going to defend Prop. 209 at a Sept. 25th debate on the campus of Cal State Univ. Northridge. Connerly didn't just go nuts, he went totally ballistic --- and even accused the NO on 209 of "conspiring" to get Duke invited. He also used buzz words like *sleazy & dirty trick* - all in connection with his attack on the NO side. But **Calpeek** sources think Connerly gives too much credit to the NO on 209 forces and in fact they deny any involvement in getting Duke invited to the debate, but they're eating up all this negative publicity about 209...

...And while many rank & file Demos may love the sticky mess that David Duke's support of 209 brings, there's a **downside** for Demos too. Many Demo strategists still hope that 209 will disappear because it still has the potential to split the Demo base. Dole/Kemp sr. advisor Ken Khachigian told **Calpeek** that Pres. Bill Clinton can't continue to duck this issue. And with the added publicity of Duke's visit, the news media may start to question Pres. Clinton more frequently about his stand on 209 and affirmative action...

...FYI: YES on 209 has been on radio with a :60 sec. spot featuring Connerly and produced by consultant Arnie Steinberg. More radio is planned, but money continues to be tight. The L.A. Daily News reported that Gov. Pete Wilson and House Speaker Newt Gingrich recently had a telephone conference call with 60 business leaders --- trying to get them to fund 209. Wilson/Gingrich see 209 as a tool to help elect GOP candidates. YES on 209 has raised $1.3 million (thru 6/30), but had only $41,563 cash on hand. (About $500,000 came from the CRP). The main NO on 209 committee has raised $571,386 and has c-o-h of $47,409. If NO on 209 is to be viable, **Calpeek** sources say that key backer Peg Yorkin will have to kick in at least $500,000 --- to offset more CRP/GOP money which undoubtedly will flow into YES on 209's bank account. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96: A CALIFORNIA PRESIDENTIAL UPDATE.

Editor's note: **Calpeek** attended the CA Republican Party convention in Anaheim on Sept. 6. Here's our brief update & analysis...

...It would be wrong to say CRP officials, delegates or GOP consultants attending the Republican convention were in denial. They are not *happy campers* at this moment, but it's not all doom & gloom. There's hope of a turnaround in the next 51 days. One thing is certain: there's **no evidence** the Dole/Kemp ticket will throw in the towel like Bush in '92 because the political stakes are simply too high: losing the U.S. House and possibly losing control of the CA State Assembly. As far as GOP sources are concerned, talk about a Dole pull-out in Calif. is nothing but Demo *disinformation*...

...As to why Demo President Bill Clinton continues to hold a double-digit lead over Bob Dole in most national polls (according to an AP story, Pres. Clinton has averaged 52% vs. 38% for Dole since Aug. 27th), several convention speakers said the economic message (15%

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tax cut plan) was falling flat because it sounded too much like a "goodie bag."...

...Another reason for Dole's current slump is the gender gap. Here in Calif., it's 27% according to the Field Poll. And Dole hasn't helped himself on this front, because he recently blasted the Family & Medical Leave Law, which plays very well with women voters...

...But it was the latest Field Poll in Calif. which had CRP delegates and some GOP consultants boiling. The new Field Poll (Aug. 29 to Sept. 3, 605 likely voters) shows Clinton at 55% vs. 33% for Dole, 4% for Perot and 2% for Green Party candidate Ralph Nader. While admitting that Dole probably trails Clinton here in CA, many GOPers at the CRP gathering just don't buy the 22-point spread in the Field Poll. Most say the spread is 12-15 points --- meaning the race is still within reach. But Dole's polling problem in major states is not limited to Calif. A Mason/Dixon poll just completed in Illinois shows Clinton up by 23 points...

...FYI: In late breaking news, a new L.A. Times poll (Sept. 7-10, nationwide 1,265 registered voters) shows Clinton with a 51% to 35% lead over Dole, with Ross Perot at 10%. Among a smaller sample of likely voters, Clinton holds a 54% to 37% lead over Dole, with Perot at 6%. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96: 21st SD — BOLAND VS. SCHIFF.

Editor's note: Over the next 51 days, this key legislative battle in the Burbank/Pasadena/Glendale area of L.A. Co. will get lots of attention. For now, political analysts are assessing the impact of Assemblywoman Paula Boland's unsuccessful efforts to pass AB 2043, a bill which would have made it easier for the San Fernando Valley to ***secede*** from the City of Los Angeles. Here is our update & analysis...

...The question being asked is this: while Boland's AB 2043 got lots of news coverage (most of it positive, except for editorials in the L.A.Times), does anyone in the San Gabriel Valley really care? **Calpeek** sources believe most voters in the 21st SD were *tuned out* --- because AB 2043 didn't have a direct impact upon their lives. But there are some exceptions. About 7% of the 21st SD is located within the San Fernando Valley portion of L.A. City (the Sunland & Tujunga areas) and about 10% of the 21st SD is in the Los Feliz, Silver Lake and Eaglerock areas of L.A. City. Boland said after the loss that she would re-introduce the bill if she's elected to the 21st SD in November...

...Will Boland's declaration come back to haunt her in the fall? Demo Adam Schiff's consultant, Parke Skelton, told **Calpeek** that Boland has given the Schiff campaign the quote it was looking for. Why? Boland is *Valley girl*, with longtime links to the San Fernando Valley, not the San Gabriel Valley. She moved from Northridge into the 21st SD to run, thus *carpetbagging* is legit charge. If Skelton can make the case that Boland's loyalties are still with the San Fernando Valley (and not the San Gabriel Valley), this could hurt her...

...But it will take more than just a quote for the Demos to take this district, which has been in GOP hands for years and years. Sources say Demos are now making a concentrated effort at beefing up registration numbers in the 21st SD (43rd & 44th ADs). Demo registration is 43.97% vs. 41.11% for the GOP. But as most sources will tell you, to be halfway competitive with a strong contender, Demos need numbers of at least 48-49% --- if GOP registration is over 40%. Regardless, insiders we've talked to think Schiff has an excellent shot in the 21st SD...

...FYI: Schiff has released an endorsement list of former and current local elected officials. It's an impressive list. Of the 26 names, 8 are GOPers and 3 are Independents. Schiff supporters include: former Burbank Mayor Dr. Jarvey Gilbert; Burbank Vice Mayor Bob Kramer; Pasadena Mayor William Paparian; former So. Pasadena Mayor Alva Lee Arnold; and So. Pasadena Mayor Dorothy Cohen. Stay tuned...

WATER POLICY DISCUSSION AT UCLA SEPT. 19.

The Metropolitan Water Dist. of So. Calif. and the UCLA Advanced Policy Inst. will hold a one-day symposium called *Water Policy & the California Economy*, 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Sept. 19, Ackerman Student Union Grand Ballroom. For info & RSVPs, ☎(213)217-6491...

CENTURY CABLE HOSTS L.A. CO. SUPE'S DEBATE.

4th District L.A. Co. supes candidates Don Knabe and Gordana Swanson square off in a debate hosted by Century Cable TV, 11 a.m., Sept. 20th...

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CAMPAIGN '96: ASSEMBLY DEMOS HAVE A PLAN.
Editor's note: While most all **Calpeek** sources agree that CA's State Senate will remain in Democratic hands after the Nov. 5th election, the battle for control of the State Assembly is very much ***up in the air***. Here is our update & analysis...

...Until the middle of August, Assembly Demos were in disarray. There was infighting over who might become Speaker should the Demos win in the fall. A disaster in the works unless someone brought order to the Assembly Demo Caucus. Enter consultant Darry Sragow...

...Sragow was hired in early summer by Demo Assembly Leader Richard Katz to focus the Demo strategy and to act as mediator to stop the infighting. Several Demo sources familiar with the situation say Sragow has succeeded on both scores...

...But gone are the *Willie Brown* days, when Demos had all the money they needed to wage war. Now funds are scarce, but it's not an impossible situation given the lead Clinton has over Dole in Calif. with 51 days to go. And Demos are certain their base is solid and are confident of winning just enough GOP moderates and independents to carry some of the marginal registration districts they need...

...What's the plan? According to our sources, in mid-August the Demo Caucus agreed to a 2 tier plan of attack for funding the key races. The 1st tier may get the Demos to 41 votes, should all the contests they've targeted break just right. If the resources hold, the 2nd tier element could get the Demos to 44-46. Assembly Demos make assumptions our GOP sources don't agree with, but here's the plan, according to our sources. Remember: the current lineup is 40 GOPers + Setencich(R) vs. 38 Demos + Cortese (Reform). Cortese's seat will be Demo in 1997...

■ ***1st Tier*** - *Incumbent protection*: Davis (76th AD), Bowen (53rd AD) and Machado (17th AD). Demos need to protect these incumbent targets. Some sources think Machado is in good shape, given his big win in the GOP/Andal unsuccessful recall attempt last year. But Davis and Bowen may need some help...

...OPEN seat now held by Demos: Demos must hold the 1st AD, 26th AD and 78th AD; and must recapture the 27th AD. The top Demo target for '96: Peter Frusetta(R), who sits in the 28th AD, a district with 51.65% Demo registration. His Demo opponent: Lily Cervantes, who didn't run a good race in '94 and had lots of money...

■ ***2nd Tier*** - Here most of the targets are incumbent Republicans. They include: Hoge(44th AD); House (25th AD); Kuykendall(54th AD); and Morrissey(69th AD). There's also the OPEN 56th AD - Havice(D) vs. Lambros(R). Some **Calpeek** sources see Hoge as much more vulnerable than Frusetta --- but this is the Demo plan. Will it work? Sources think the assumptions are reasonable, but agree that the Demos need to get lucky. More next week. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN '96: CALIFORNIA INITIATIVE UPDATE.
Editor's note: Here's another update about initiatives on the 1996 ballot...

● **Dole Opposes 215** - GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole has urged Calif. voters to reject Prop. 215, the Medical Marijuana initiative. Also on record against 215 are Federal Drug Czar, Ret. Gen. Barry McCaffrey and U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein(D)...The YES side has announced endorsements by the Older Women's League of Calif., the Congress of Calif. Seniors and the Calif. Legislative Council for Older Americans...

● **CMA Stays Neutral on 214/216** - The powerful Calif. Medical Assn. will remain officially neutral on Props. 214 & 216 - two similar initiatives aimed at reforming CA's huge HMO health care industry. Why the neutral stance? Lots of doctors in Calif. practice medicine with HMOs...

◆ **CRP Endorsements** - The Calif. Republican Party's official position on various ballot measures is as follows: Supports 206, 209, 213 and 218. Opposes 205, 207, 208, 210, 211, 212, 214, 215, 216 and 217. No position: 204...

MTA's JOSEPH DREW AT PUBLIC POLICY SERIES.
Joseph E. Drew, the CEO of L.A. Co.'s MTA, will discuss the MTA's role in helping to shape the Sports & Entertainment Corridor proposal for downtown L.A., at the Public Policy Series breakfast, 8 a.m., Sept. 24, City Club, L.A. For info & RSVPs ☎ Strategy Workshop (213)489-3989...

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LINCOLN CLUBS MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER.
The Downtown L.A. Lincoln club hosts Chief Dep. AG David Stirling, noon, **Sept. 17**, Hotel Inter Continental. South Bay Lincoln club hosts Dr. Barbara Stone, noon, **Sept. 20**, Torrance Marriott Hotel, Torrance. For info & RSVPs ☎ Sheila McNichols at (818)969-1304...

CAMPAIGN '96: L.A. CO. DA'S RACE - THE DEBATES.
Editor's note: We've now had at least 3 debates between incumbent L.A. Co. DA Gil Garcetti and challenger, Dep. DA John Lynch. Not much new ground was broken at the most recent exchange on Sept. 9th before the Assn. of Deputy DAs. Here's our analysis...

...The big problem is that aside from the print media, local tv news still isn't covering these debates and thus Lynch is still unknown to most voters. But that may not matter. Many, but not all observers, continue to subscribe to the theory that this election is a ***referendum*** on Garcetti's handling of the O.J. Simpson murder trial, which ended with Simpson's acquittal...

...Even the DA himself realizes that the O.J. trial is a key element in his race, which is why he continually bashes the Lynch campaign as a *One Note* effort - that one note being the Simpson case. But Lynch is no fool and knows voters are still captivated by the *Murder Trial of the Century*. About a 1/3rd of Q&A during this recent debate centered on the Simpson trial. And for those who have forgotten, Simpson's civil trial is due to start in Santa Monica on Sept. 17th, but *without* tv in the courtroom. It's just another negative reminder that Garcetti doesn't need and can't escape...

...After the exchange, several observers gave a slight edge to Lynch, but you have to remember that the Assn. of Deputy DAs is not exactly on friendly terms with Garcetti. In fact, on Sept. 10th ballots went out to ADDA members - who will vote on an endorsement in this race. Many sources think Lynch will win, but that's not a given. A *no endorsement* stand is possible too...

...While the ADDA endorsement is important, in terms of the overall *Endorsement Game*, Garcetti is way ahead of Lynch --- 60 L.A. Co. mayors, most of the police chiefs, organized labor and both U.S. Senators Barbara Boxer & Dianne Feinstein. And in fundraising, Garcetti is far out in front of Lynch. And it is here where various insiders disagree about the impact of the O.J. Simpson case. Some think that Garcetti's huge lead in fundraising gives him the ability to offset the negatives of the Simpson case --- if Garcetti media consultant Bill Carrick can shape a message that will sell. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S LEGAL FILE: 67th AD RECALL TRIAL.
Editor's note: Here's a brief update on the trial now underway in Orange Co. Superior Court. Because of space, **Calpeek** isn't going to rehash this entire story...

...Although the case against GOP Assemblyman Scott Baugh is far from over, it was a big win for the lawmaker on Sept. 10th as Judge James Smith dismissed 17 counts of campaign reporting violations against Baugh. Five other counts still remain. But O.C. DA Mike Capizzi said he would seek to reinstate those counts thrown out by Smith. Most of the 17 counts dealt with testimony linked to Baugh's campaign treasurer Dan Traxler. Traxler gave statements to DA investigators which conflicted with his grand jury testimony and it was on this basis that Smith made his decision. Capizzi has several ways to go to reinstate the charges, but **Calpeek** sources say the bottomline is this: Capizzi won't let go of Baugh because he's put hi political career and reputation on the line. To back off now would be a waste. Regardless, Baugh's strategy t delay his trial until after the Nov. 5th election is working. The charges against Rhonda Carmony and Maureen Werft still stand. And in fact the charges against Carmony for election fraud (all arising out of last year's 67th AD recall of Doris Allen) are much juicier --- politically speaking. Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.
Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

- On the move: Winner/Wagner & Mandabach Campaigns's new office is at 100 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1950, Santa Monica, CA 90401. New ☎(310) 576-4800...

- S.F.-based Solem & Associates celebrates its 20th anniversary Sept. 26th...

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